IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5, and amend claims 1, 10 and 11 as follows:

- 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for forming a nitride semiconductor device, comprising:
- (a) growing one or more <u>non-polar a-plane</u> gallium nitride (GaN) <u>template</u> layers on [[a]] an r-plane substrate; and
- (b) growing one or more non-polar a-plane (Al,B,In,Ga)N layers off of a grown surface of the <u>non-polar a-plane</u> GaN <u>template</u> layers to form at least one non-polar a-plane quantum well.
 - 2. (CANCELED)
 - 3. (CANCELED)
 - 4. (CANCELED)
 - 5. (CANCELED)
 - 6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the substrate is a sapphire substrate.
 - 7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the growing step (a) comprises:
 - (1) annealing the substrate;
 - (2) depositing a nitride-based nucleation layer on the substrate;
 - (3) growing the GaN layer on the nucleation layer; and
 - (4) cooling the GaN under a nitrogen overpressure.
- 8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the growing steps are performed by a method selected from a group comprising metalorganic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD), molecular beam epitaxy (MBE), liquid phase epitaxy (LPE), hydride vapor phase epitaxy (HVPE), sublimation, and plasma-enhanced chemical vapor deposition (PECVD).

- 9. (ORIGINAL) A device manufactured using the method of claim 1.
- 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A nitride semiconductor device comprising one or more non-polar a-plane gallium nitride (GaN) template layers grown on [[a]] an r-plane substrate, and one or more non-polar a-plane quantum wells formed from one or more non-polar a-plane (Al,B,In,Ga)N layers grown off of a grown surface of the non-polar a-plane GaN template layers, wherein the nitride semiconductor device is created using a process comprising:
- (a) growing one or more <u>non-polar a-plane</u> gallium nitride (GaN) <u>template</u> layers on [[a]] <u>an r-plane</u> substrate; and
- (b) growing one or more non-polar a-plane (Al,B,In,Ga)N layers [[the]] off of a grown surface of the <u>non-polar a-plane</u> GaN <u>template</u> layers to form at least one non-polar a-plane quantum well.
 - 11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A nitride semiconductor device, comprising:
- (a) one or more <u>non-polar a-plane</u> gallium nitride (GaN) <u>template</u> layers grown on [[a]] an r-plane substrate; and
- (b) one or more non-polar a-plane quantum wells formed from one or more non-polar a-plane (Al,B,In,Ga)N layers grown off of a grown surface of the <u>non-polar a-plane</u> GaN <u>template</u> layers.
- 12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein the quantum well ranges in width from approximately 20 Å to approximately 70 Å.
- 13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein the quantum well has a doped barrier.
- 14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 13, wherein the doped barrier is doped with silicon.

- 15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 14, wherein the doped barrier is doped with silicon with a dopant concentration of 2×10^{18} cm⁻³.
- 16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein the quantum well is an GaN/AlGaN quantum well.